

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Hiroaki Tanizaki, et al. **ATTY DOCKET NO.:** 09792909-5673
SERIAL NO.: 10/664,683 **GROUP ART UNIT:** 1745
DATE FILED: September 18, 2003 **EXAMINER:** Laura Weiner
INVENTION: ANODE MATERIAL AND BATTERY USING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

IN OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 7, 2006

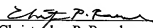
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 7, 2006, Applicants hereby elect the embodiments of Invention III for prosecution in the subject application. Invention III includes claims 10-18.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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